(b) whether such a move would perpetuate the advantage of the urban and elite upper class population who are already having over the rural masses who are still struggling to secure right for literacy and primary education; and

(c) whether Government would ensure that scarce funds are not frittered away on experimental projects benefiting the urban populace and that the on going Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is backed up with more funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. While making a reference to the popular demand for English at the primary level, the National Curriculum Framework 2005 prepared by the NCERT clearly states that the study of English will become meaningful and effective only when it succeeds in finding its place along with other Indian languages. The Government is providing adequate funds to ensure successful implementation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

Grading system for examination

516. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBSE is introducing a nine-point grading system for Class X examinations;

(b) if so, whether Government have worked out any guidelines for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have set any time-frame to introduce this system; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI Md. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.